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OFFICE OF THE BUREAU CHIEF  
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Att: Paul E. Stacey  
Department of Environmental Protection  
Bureau of Water Protection and Land Reuse  
Planning & Standards Division  
79 Elm Street  
Hartford, Connecticut 06106-5127

Re; Proposed Stream Flow Standards and Regulations

Dear Mr. Stacey

Hazardville Water Company appreciates the opportunity to comment on the proposed new regulations for stream flow in response to Public Act 05-142 which came out last fall. We believe these regulations over stepped the intent of the legislature and would like the Department to go back to the committee of stake holders to redraft them again.

The current version does not balance the needs of water users such as water departments with the other users. It is our understanding that the benefit of increased water flow for aquatic life needs to be carefully examined with the economic impact of increasing those flows to the current users. This should be based on good science which has not been done yet to determine which rivers would benefit from changing the flow. We believe that doing the work of classifying the rivers into their appropriate category, ( class one to four ) should be done first and then the Department would be informed by the respective water users what the economic impact would be to adjust to those new categories. The cost benefit analysis could then be done and a fairer balancing could be achieved.

Our second concern relates to the ground water piece of the new regulations. It is our understanding that the legislature never intended to include ground water diversions in these new regulations. Hazardville Water Co. only has ground water diversions and we would be impacted depending on issues regarding the Scantic River basin. We strongly urge the department to remove the ground water diversion portion in any version of the new stream flow regulations.

Thank you for considering our comments.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jonathan S. Avery".

Jonathan S. Avery  
President, Hazardville Water Co.